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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 10-13 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-13 in part

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-13 in part

An optical imaging contrast agent of formula V-L-R wherein V is one or more peptides or peptoid moieties having affinity for an abnormally expressed target in vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque, L is a linker moiety or a bond and R is one or more reporter moieties detectable in optical imaging. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 2-5.

2. claims: 1-13 in part

An optical imaging contrast agent of formula V-L-R wherein V is one or more oligonucleotides having affinity for an abnormally expressed target in vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque, L is a linker moiety or a bond and R is one or more reporter moieties detectable in optical imaging. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 3-5.

3. claims: 1-13 in part

An optical imaging contrast agent of formula V-L-R wherein V is one or more oligosaccharides having affinity for an abnormally expressed target in vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque, L is a linker moiety or a bond and R is one or more reporter moieties detectable in optical imaging. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 2, 4, 5.

4. claims: 1-13 in part

An optical imaging contrast agent of formula V-L-R wherein V is one or more fat related compounds having affinity for an abnormally expressed target in vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque, L is a linker moiety or a bond and R is one or more reporter moieties detectable in optical imaging. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-3, 5.

5. claims: 1-13 in part

An optical imaging contrast agent of formula V-L-R wherein V is one or more organic drug-like small molecules having affinity for an abnormally expressed target in vulnerable atherosclerotic plaque, L is a linker moiety or a bond and R is one or more reporter moieties detectable in optical imaging. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1-4.

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